

Atlantic Conferences Symposium

The Summit for Middle Market Debt Finance ®

Fund Investors: What do they want and where are they going to find it?

Friday, May 18th

11:45 am – 12:30 pm

Moderator:

Fred Buffone

Principal, Freedom 3 Capital

Fred Buffone is a Principal at Freedom 3 Capital and has more than 25 years of experience in middle market finance including sourcing, structuring and syndication of private credit. Mr. Buffone's primary responsibilities are managing Freedom 3 Capital's relationships with investors in new and existing funds and syndication of co-investments. Over the course of his career, Mr. Buffone has been involved with over 100 different clients structuring and syndicating several billion dollars of investments.

Prior to Freedom 3 Capital, Mr. Buffone was a Managing Director and Head of Capital Markets at Fifth Street Asset Management where he was responsible for origination of capital markets and club investments, providing market and investment intelligence to the firm and syndication of private credit to co-investors. Mr. Buffone has held similar roles at TD Securities, Jefferies & Company, Berenson Minella & Company and CIBC World Markets.

Early in his career, Mr. Buffone was an Analyst at Manufacturers Hanover Trust where he completed their Credit Training Program. Mr. Buffone attended Boston University's London Internship Program and received his B.S. in Commerce & Engineering from Drexel University.

Speakers:

Brett Hickey

Founder & CEO, Star Mountain Capital

Brett Hickey is the Founder & CEO of Star Mountain Capital, a specialized investment firm bringing large market capabilities and resources to established small and medium-sized private businesses. Star Mountain's distinctive investment platform provides superior information, relationships and resources to the lower middle-market through three complementary verticals: (i) Direct Investments in Businesses, (ii) Strategic Primary Fund Investments (including to SBIC funds), and (iii) Secondary Fund Investments. Star Mountain provides its portfolio companies (generally cash flow positive businesses with \$10 million to \$150 million of annual revenues) with strategic capital, human resources and relationships to grow and achieve their business objectives.

Joe McCusker

Senior Vice President & Head of Asset Management, Genworth Financial

Joe McCusker is the head of Asset Management at Genworth Financial. He joined Genworth in 2007 and currently leads teams that assess and make recommendations for Genworth's investment grade and high yield public corporate, structured credit, private placement, commercial real estate and alternative asset portfolios. Prior to his role leading asset management, Joe held a succession of roles including managing the private placements and alternatives team as well as leading public corporate research. His background includes credit research experience at J.P. Morgan Securities, work in leveraged finance at Salomon Smith Barney as well as research roles in two start-up credit hedge fund efforts. Prior to his career in corporate credit, Joe served in several roles for American International Group in its Professional Liability area.

Jakob Schramm

Managing Director, Head of US Office, Golding Capital Partners

Managing Director and Head of US, joined Golding Capital Partners in 2004 and is responsible for fund selection and monitoring.

Mr Schramm holds a graduate degree in Economics from the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich and is a CFA charterholder. During his studies he worked for the ifo Institute for Economic Research on research and analysis.